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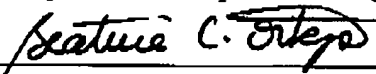
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In response to the Final Office Action dated November 15, 2006, please find attached the following claim amendment and remarks. Applicant respectfully requests this amendment to be considered, as Applicant believes that the amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.